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PRIESTHOOD AUTHORITY LINE

JOSEPH OLPIN was ordained a High Priest on 24 April 1927  
by George F. RICHARDS

GEORGE F. RICHARDS was ordained an Apostle on 9 April 1906  
by Joseph F. SMITH

JOSEPH F. SMITH was ordained an Apostle on 1 July 1866  
by Brigham YOUNG

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BRIGHAM YOUNG was ordained an Apostle February 14, 1835 under the hands of the Three Witnesses, Oliver, Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris.

The THREE WITNESSES were called by revelation to choose the Twelve Apostles and on February 14, 1835 were "blessed by the laying on of the hands of the Presidency," Joseph Smith, Jr., Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams, to ordain the Twelve Apostles. (History of the Church, Vol. 2, pp. 187-188.)

JOSEPH SMITH, JR. and OLIVER COWDERY received the Melchizedek Priesthood in 1829 under the hands of Peter, James and John.

PETER, JAMES and JOHN were ordained Apostles by the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 15:16.)